विद्यालय संगठन द्वारा भेजे गए पत्रों पर पौड़ी के जिला प्रशासन से कोई उत्तर प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

Discontentment among local people at NALCO Plant in Orissa

7508. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing discontentment among the local people due to adhoc employment taking place at NALCO plant at Damanjodi in Orissa;

(b) whether similar irregular and adhoc employment are also taking place at Bhubaneshwar office of NALCO and also at Angul in Orissa;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to stop such illegal practices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) There has been no irregular and ad-hoc employment at plants of National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) at Damanjodi, Angul and the Corporate Office at Bhubaneswar.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Modernisation of HCL

7509. SHRI S. AUSTIN:
SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modernise Hindustan Copper Limited;

(b) if so, whether any external aid has been offered in this regard; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The company is however planning to expand the capacity of its unit at Khetri from the existing 31,000 Tpa to 1,00,000 Tpa. Details of the project are being got prepared with the help of the consultants engaged for this purpose, funding arrangements will be tied up only on finalisation of these details. Hence question of negotiating any aid at this stage does not arise.

Quantum of bauxite in Andhra Pradesh

7510. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been undertaken to study the quantum of Bauxite available in Chintapalli and other areas of Visakhapatnam and Vijaynagaram districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the estimated reserves of Bauxite in the areas; and

(c) the steps contemplated to set up alumina factories utilising bauxite reserves in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As a result of survey carried out by Geological Survey of India (GSI) in Visakhapatnam district, 533.83 million tonnes of bauxite reserves have been estimated

No reserves of bauxite have been estimated in Vijayanagram district of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) The Government has approved the project proposal of M/s. Kandula Aluminium Company Ltd. for setting up a 1 million Tonnes Per Annum (TPA) of Calcined Alumina at Visakhapatnam Andhra Pradesh.

Setting up Graphite units in Madhya Pradesh

7511. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal regarding setting up Units